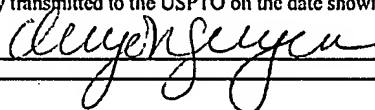


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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated February 12, 2007 for which a response was due May 12, 2007. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for three-month extension of time, thereby extending the time for response to August 12, 2007 which fell on a Sunday. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. A Request for Continued Examination is also filed herewith. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.